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§ 7101. Findings and declaration of policy**(a) Findings**

Congress finds that—

- (1) sheep and sheep products are important goods;
- (2) the production of sheep and sheep products play a significant role in the economy of the United States in that sheep and sheep products are produced throughout the United States and used by millions of people throughout the United States and foreign countries;
- (3) sheep and sheep products must be high quality, readily available, handled properly, and marketed efficiently to ensure that consumers have an adequate supply of sheep products;
- (4) the maintenance and expansion of existing markets and development of new markets for sheep and sheep products are vital to the welfare of sheep producers and persons concerned with marketing, using, and producing sheep and sheep products, as well as to the general economy of the United States, and necessary to ensure the ready availability and efficient marketing of sheep and sheep products;
- (5) there exist established State organizations conducting sheep and sheep product promotion, research, and industry and consumer education programs that are invaluable to the efforts of promoting the consumption of sheep and sheep products;
- (6) the cooperative development, financing, and implementation of a coordinated national program of sheep and sheep product promotion, research, consumer information, education, and industry information are necessary to maintain and expand existing markets and develop new markets for sheep and sheep products; and
- (7) sheep and sheep products move in interstate and foreign commerce, and sheep and sheep products that do not move in such channels of commerce directly burden or affect interstate commerce in sheep and sheep products.

(b) Policy

It is the policy of Congress that it is in the public interest to authorize the establishment, through the exercise of the powers provided in this chapter, of an orderly procedure for developing, financing (through adequate assessments on sheep and sheep products produced or imported into the United States), and carrying out an effective, continuous, coordinated program of promotion, research, consumer information, education, and industry information designed to—

- (1) strengthen the position of the sheep and sheep product industry in the marketplace;
- (2) maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign markets and uses for sheep and sheep products; and
- (3) develop new markets and uses for sheep and sheep products.

(c) Construction

Nothing in this chapter provides for the control of production, or otherwise limits, the right of any person to produce sheep or sheep products.

(Pub. L. 103–407, §2, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4210.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 103–407 provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1994’.”

§ 7102. Definitions

As used in this chapter (unless the context clearly requires otherwise):

(1) Board

The term “Board” means the National Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Board established under section 7104(b) of this title.

(2) Carbonized wool

The term “carbonized wool” means wool that has been immersed in a bath, usually of mineral acids or acid salts, that destroys vegetable matter in the wool, but does not affect the wool fibres.

(3) Consumer information

The term “consumer information” means nutritional data and other information that will assist consumers and other persons in making evaluations and decisions regarding the purchase, preparation, or use of sheep products.

(4) Customs Service

The term “Customs Service” means United States Customs Service of the Department of the Treasury.

(5) Degreased wool

The term “degreased wool” means wool from which the bulk of impurities has been removed by processing.

(6) Department

The term “Department” means the United States Department of Agriculture.

(7) Education

The term “education” means activities providing information relating to the sheep in-